

Conveyance of the Prisoners Estate as aforesaid, shall apply in Manner following, that is to say: The Produce of that Part of the Estate and Interest of the said Prisoner, upon which his or her Creditors, by Judgments, if any, or any claiming, or who shall or may claim under them, who have or shall have any Lien by Assignment of such Judgment, or otherwise shall pay in or towards Satisfaction of the said Creditors according to the Order and Priority of their Judgments or other Lien thereon, and the Residue of the said Balance shall pay and distribute among all the Creditors of such Prisoner who shall apply therefor within Thirty Days after the aforesaid Sale, in equal Proportion to their Demands, early Notice of such Design being previously given by Advertisements set up at the most public Places of the County where such Debtor resides, and likewise in the *Maryland Gazette*; and such Sheriff shall and may maintain an Action, as Assignee of such Prisoner, in his own Name, on and for any such Cause of Action as aforesaid; *Provided*, That no Judgment hereafter to be rendered against any Person applying to be discharged as aforesaid, nor any Process thereon, shall create any Lien on the Lands, Goods, or Chattels of such Person, whereby the Creditor obtaining such Judgment shall or may have any Priority in the Distribution of the Money arising from the Sale of such Lands, Goods, or Chattels, to be distributed as aforesaid.

III. *Provided* always, That before such Sheriff shall be obliged to sue in any such Action, the Creditor or Creditors requiring the same shall give a Bond to such Sheriff, to indemnify him against any Charge that may accrue to him by Means of any such Suit, and in Case of Recovery and Receipt of the Debt or Damages, then the Sheriff shall make Distribution of what shall be recovered and received to the Person or Persons giving him such Security, rateably and in proportion to their respective Demands, saving to such Prisoner his or her necessary Apparel and Utensils of Trade, not exceeding in the Whole the Value of Five Pounds Current Money, to be adjudged and ascertained by the said Justices.

IV. *Provided* also, That before any Suit shall be brought by any Sheriff aforesaid, Notice shall be given thereof in the *Maryland Gazette* for Four Weeks successively, in order that all the Creditors of such Prisoner may have an Opportunity, if they shall think fit, of joining in the Request aforesaid to, and Indemnification of, the said Sheriff, and thereby be entitled to receive rateably what shall be recovered; and the Time from Discharge of such Prisoner as aforesaid, till such Suit shall be brought, shall not be effected by any Act for Limitation of Actions, provided such Suit be commenced within One Year from the Time of such Discharge; and the Creditors, who shall apply and receive any Sum or Sums of Money of the Sheriff as aforesaid, shall refund and pay rateably, to such other Creditors as shall apply for the same thereafter, the Debt or Debts due from such Prisoner to him, her, or them, so as that the said last mentioned Creditors may receive and be paid in equal Proportion to his, her, or their Demands; and in Case such Prisoner as aforesaid shall be liable, on a future Breach of a Contract by him or her made or entered into, before his or her Discharge, the Person or Persons who shall be entitled as a Creditor or Creditors of such Prisoner, under such Breach of Contract, shall have and receive his or her Satisfaction rateably of the Creditors, who shall have received the Whole or a Proportion of the Debts due to them on such Distribution as aforesaid; and to prevent Persons who may be committed or charged in Execution, or for want of special Bail, from lying in Prison until they have spent their

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